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## L'SHANA TOVA 5743!

### Significance of the Shofar

**I**N THE BOOK OF NUMBERS 29:1 the shofar is mentioned in describing the ritual for Rosh Hashanah. "You shall observe it as a day when the horn (shofar) is sounded." The horn was commanded to be part of the New Year observance by this prescription; furthermore, it was specifically defined as a ram's horn when the sages included in the service for Rosh Hashanah the story of Isaac on the altar and his being replaced by the ram caught in the thicket by his horn. The horn became a poignant symbol of God's mercy. Hence the sound of the ram's horn reminded God to forgive the Jewish people their transgressions.

The shofar was and still is "the ritual horn" of the Jews. When the Torah was given on Mt. Sinai, the shofar was sounded. When the walls of Jericho fell, the shofar was utilized. The victory of the Judge Ehud over the Moabites was marked by the sound of the shofar. At Ein Dor in the dark of night, Gideon and his hundred blew the Shofar as an accompaniment to their surprise attack.

In our times, when the Israeli army captured the Western Wall in 1967, then Chief Chaplain Shlomo Goren sounded the shofar to mark that moment—a joyful sound heard around the world. The shofar, therefore, has been a call to assembly, a call to alarm, a call to battle, and the Jewish people have always responded.

The shofar is authenticated by musicologists as one of the most ancient of instruments. It has never fallen into disuse because the plaintive tone of the ram's horn is heard each year. The initial sounding of the Shofar is during the weekday mornings of Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah. After the recitation of the penitential Psalm 27, the "tekiah," the long single note, the "teruah," the nine staccato notes and the "shevarim," the three broken notes are sounded.



This is a daily act except for the Sabbath and the day before Rosh Hashanah and it is a vivid reminder that each individual must prepare himself for the Days of Judgment ahead.

In fact the 'Baal Tokeah'—the Shofar blower—must get the ram's horn to emit 100 notes on each day of Rosh Hashanah as well as the majestic "tekiah godolah" at the end of Yom Kippur. Therefore, whether he uses the small curved shofar or the monumental spiral black or brown shofar, the 'Baal Tokeah' must have prepared well enough so that when called upon during the service he will cajole the right notes of his unique instrument.

This year and every year it is important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah when we hear the sound of our ancient musical instrument. "A great shofar shall be blown and they shall come that have been lost in the land of Assyria and dispersed in the land of Egypt and they shall worship the Lord in the holy mountain of Jerusalem."

(World Zionist Press Service)



## Rabbi to Resume Doctoral Studies

**D**EAR FRIENDS: I want to take this opportunity to advise you of a recent development. Rabbi Allen Bennett has submitted his resignation effective September 1, 1982 to resume his doctoral studies on a full-time basis. The Congregation will continue to provide his full salary and fringe benefits through the termination date of his contract, June 30, 1983.

I want to wish Rabbi Bennett well as he pursues his studies. I also thank him for being the first openly gay rabbi. Others have now followed, and it may be that Rabbi Bennett's "coming out" affected their decisions. Rabbi Bennett has contributed to this Congregation and has touched its members in different ways perhaps best measured by each of us personally.

It is my heartfelt wish that we will, in this Congregation, join together with a strong commitment to further our goal of being a warm and caring community, which builds upon our strengths. I look forward to our High Holy Days services and hope to see you there. Happy New Year! *L'Shanah tovah!*

—Cheryl Ann Orvis  
President

## Lebanese Relief

The Congregation has contributed \$422 to the Joint Distribution Committee to assist Israel in providing food, clothing and medicine to Lebanese civilians. More help is desperately needed. Please send whatever you can, either to the Congregation or directly to the Jewish Community Federation, 254 Sutter St., San Francisco, 94108. In either case, the check should be made payable to "Lebanese Relief."

## Charter Ceremony Postponed

The presentation of Sha'ar Zahav's charter to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, originally scheduled for Friday, September 3, has been postponed. The new date was not available at the time the *Forward* was printed, but should be forthcoming soon.

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All newsletter copy is due on the 10th of the month. It should be sent to the Synagogue office, PO Box 5640, San Francisco 94101, marked to the attention of the *Forward*.

Members of the Newsletter Committee are Charles Norton (chair), Larry Chandler (editor), Glenn Friedman, and Catherine Nelson.

The display advertising rate is \$10 per column inch, prepaid, with a frequency discount of 10% for six or more insertions. The advertising deadline is the 15th of the month. Ads should be camera ready. Any advertising that requires typesetting, camera and/or artwork is subject to a one-time production charge. Advertising copy must be sent to the Synagogue Office, PO Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101. For more information on advertising, call Glenn Friedman, 239-1468 or Larry Chandler, 621-6764.

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES JUNE 30, 1982

### REVENUES (Fiscal Year to Date)

Collections	\$ 4,549.47
Contributions	10,400.72
Dues	33,741.55
Fundraising	4,542.15
Program	211.93
Interest	985.88
Misc.	384.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,815.70</b>

### EXPENSES (Fiscal Year to Date)

Fund Payments	\$ 5,741.71
Ritual	1,396.57
Oneg	1,182.58
Soc. Action	49.70
Newsletter	4,283.27
Education	57.39
Membership	1,577.47
Bikur Cholim	51.50
P.R.	57.67
Rent	5,049.00
Membership Cont.	1,200.00
Advertising	3,065.31
Religious Supplies	93.08
Office Supplies	816.32
Copying	789.32
Telephone	607.46
Postage	1,227.11
Wages/Benefits	16,938.37
Rabbi Travel	1,012.84
Misc./Bank Chgs.	1,041.11
Fundraising Exp.	3,835.06
	<b>\$ 50,072.84</b>

Excess Revenues over Expenses	4,742.86
Assets 7/1/82	4,859.72

**Total Assets 6/30/82** **\$ 9,602.58**

## BALANCE SHEET: JUNE 30, 1982

### ASSETS

Rabbi's Discretionary	
Fund	\$ 77.56
Prayerbook Fund	(93.08)
Ed. Program Fund	1,675.00
Publishing Project	
Fund	134.96
Harvey Milk Fund	533.62
Unrestricted	7,174.52
A.A.E.J.	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,602.58</b>

### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

FIT W/H	\$ 300.00
U.A.H.C. Dues	1,061.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,361.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>\$ 8,241.58</b>

**Notes:** The A.A.E.J. Fund is still open; all but \$100 was paid, 6/25/82.

The Congregation holds one Israel Bond Certificate—value \$250.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan P. Gold  
Treasurer

## Women's Music Festival

The 3rd annual Women's Music Festival will be held September 23 through 26 at a private 80-acre camp near Willits. The festival will feature music, comedy, dancing, camping, workshops, crafts, swimming, boating, hiking and food. Many entertainers from both coasts are expected to perform. Tickets are available from the West Coast Women's Music Festival, 1195 Valencia St., SF 94110. For more information call (415) 641-4892.



## From Where I Stand

**A**S THE HIGH HOLY DAYS approach, I am hopeful that some of the signs I see about us foretell better times ahead. This last year has been a difficult one for many. I know that it has for me. And I look forward to the time that Judaism annually sets aside for intense retrospection and reflection, for devotion and prayer, so that I may better evaluate myself and the ways in which I have related to people and to God. Too often we are prepared to start that evaluation process at some time in the future, but that time never comes because it is always time in the future, not the present.

While I have much to be grateful for as I look back over the year that is past, I know that I also have many regrets. There are many things I would have liked to do as a rabbi that I was unable to do, people whom I would have liked to reach, to whom I could have brought a message of hope or consolation, projects I wanted to finish (or start) which could have made a difference in people's lives, but which, for a variety of reasons, never got off the ground.

Fortunately for us, Judaism teaches us that the gates of repentance are always open. It is true that we tend to emphasize repentance more at this season, but that does not imply that we cannot change our attitudes and behavior at other times in the year as well. As a result of that realization, I decided long ago that my "new years' resolutions" were to be made at Rosh Hashanah rather than on December 31, because the Jewish New Year tone more appropriately fit the idea of resolutions. On December 31 I join in the general secular spirit of finishing an old year. At Rosh Hashanah I look ahead with hope to a year in which I can do better than I did in the year that's past.

One comment about Yom Kippur as well: there are at least two levels on which one can experience the Day of Atonement, the individual and the collective levels. On an individual level, one seeks forgiveness from oneself for doing things which were counterproductive or antithetical to one's best interest in a moral sense, and thereby can honestly seek forgiveness from God; and we, as a community, have the opportunity to collectively atone for our behaviors which have caused hurt, harm, or pain to another or to others. In like manner, if our repentance is sincere, we can hope for and expect forgiveness from God. I pray for sincerity in our devotions, honesty in our confessions, and integrity in our expectations for what we can and should deserve from each other and from God.

May the year 5743 bring to each and all of you a full share of health, happiness, fulfillment, and peace.

May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a good year!

—Rabbi Allen B. Bennett

## Shabbat Dinner September 24

Sha'ar Zahav continues in its new tradition of Shabbat dinners at the Jewish Community Center. This month's dinner is scheduled for Friday, September 24 at 6 p.m. The meal is provided by the Kosher Nutrition Project and the cost is a mere \$5.

Sharing Shabbat dinner is another way for all of us at Sha'ar Zahav to be family. If you would like to attend, please return the reservation form by September 18 to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco 94101.

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## High Holy Days Services

*Rosh Hashanah, Friday evening, September 17, 7:30 p.m.:* Unitarian Conference Center, Main Sanctuary, Franklin at Geary, San Francisco.

*Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m.:* Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, San Francisco.

*Yom Kippur, Sunday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., Kol Nidrei:* Unitarian Conference Center, Main Sanctuary, Franklin at Geary, San Francisco.

*Monday, September 27, 10 a.m.* Unitarian Conference Center, Main Sanctuary, Franklin at Geary, San Francisco.

*Monday, September 27, 5:45 p.m., Yizkor (Memorial Service), Ne'ilah (Concluding Service):* Unitarian Conference Center, Main Sanctuary, Franklin at Geary, San Francisco.

Both locations are wheelchair-accessible. Signing for the hearing-impaired is available upon prior request.

## Va'ad Meeting Time and Place Not Yet Determined

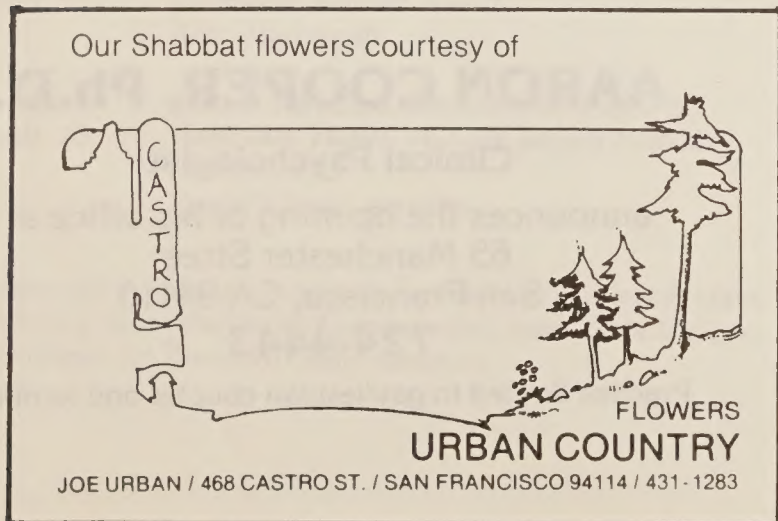
Members who wish to attend the next meeting of the Va'ad are requested to telephone the Synagogue office at 621-6764 for the date and location. As of the time the *Forward* went to press, this information was unavailable.

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## Benefit Concert For Soviet Jewry

**L**ASZLO VARGA, world-famous cellist, will perform at a benefit concert presented by the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry on Thursday, September 9 at 8 p.m. at the Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon Street in San Francisco.

Varga, conductor of the San Francisco State University Symphony and Director of the Morrison Chamber Music Center, has dedicated this concert to the Jews of the Soviet Union, particularly Jewish artists whose religious convictions have cost them their careers.

"It is a very bad time for Soviet Jews. Emigration has dwindled to almost nothing," said Varga. [June emigration: 182] "I am concerned that talented artists who may have given the world so much are instead victims of Soviet anti-Semitism. Art is universal; it must be nurtured and shared."

The program will include the Mendelssohn Sonata No. 2 in D Major, an original arrangement of Kodaly's "Galanta Dances" by Mr. Varga, and works by Davidoff and Bloch. Accompanying Mr. Varga will be pianist Karen Rosenak.

Complementing the musical event will be an exhibit by California sculptor John Kornfeld. Kornfeld's works include a monumental "Human Rights Series" inspired by Alexander Solzhenitsyn's *Gulag Archipelago*.

Tickets range from \$12.50 to \$50 and are available from the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry, (415) 585-1400 and all BASS outlets. ■

## Graphics Course for Women

A five-part course in graphic arts for women who are working with community organizations, political groups, or on their own, is being offered by the Women's Press Project, 532 Valencia near 16th St.

The course will enable students to learn to design flyers, brochures, letterhead and newsletters. Classes will be a combination of lecture, practice exercises and hands-on experience. The introductory workshop will be on Wednesday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

Fee for the course is on a sliding scale, the exact amount to be determined by the individual student. For more information, contact the Women's Press Project at 431-6210.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to volunteer their extraordinary skills for the *Forward*.

## Graphic Artist Needed

The *Forward* is still looking for someone to do some design, layout and/or paste-up work for the newsletter. If you have the skills and would like to volunteer your time to see the *Forward* turn out an even better paper each month, call Larry Chandler, 621-6764.

## Gift Opportunities Still Abound

Why not make a contribution to the Congregation as a way of remembering a loved one, or saying "Happy Birthday," "Happy Anniversary" or "Happy Whatever Day"? You don't even need an occasion to give to Sha'ar Zahav. And, if you wish, your contribution can be mentioned in the *Forward*.

Whatever occasion you have in mind, contact Ernie Weinstein at 566-1985 for details. And remember that our beautifully designed gift card is available in two versions—with or without the lambda in our logo.

## September at the Jewish Community Center

"Unlearning Internalized Anti-Semitism" is the focus of a workshop at the JCC on Wednesday, September 8 from 7 to 10 p.m.

The workshop, led by Ricky Sheroover-Marcuse will deal with the subtle and not-so-subtle effects of being Jewish in a Christian culture, exposing stereotypes and taking positive steps towards "unlearning" misinformation. Fee is \$3 for JCC members, \$5 public. 346-6040.

Free classes are being offered this fall at the JCC. They include a theatre-lovers class with attendance at several Bay Area theatres, a "Women in World Literature" class and "You and Your Aging Parents." For more information, call 346-6040.

The peace and relaxation way to relieve stress is now offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning September 7. Students, led by Jay DeRoy, will utilize discipline, relaxation and breathing exercises to strengthen physical and mental well-being. Fee \$32 JCC members, \$48 public.

Joyce Osure will lead a class in self-shiatsu beginning Thursdays, October 7. Fee \$12 members, \$18 public.

A stress-reduction class is being offered beginning Wednesday, September 15. Fee \$5 or \$7 per session. For a complete listing of health-related programs at the JCC, call 346-6040. ■

## Nuclear Freeze Group Forming

A group called "Jews for Social Responsibility" has been formed for the purpose of supporting a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze. Chaired by Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver, the first meeting was held Thursday, August 12. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Relations Council headquarters at 870 Market St. Those interested are urged to attend. For more information, call Bruce Katz at 929-8479.

## Va'ad Minutes Available

Full minutes of Va'ad meetings are available to all interested members simply by requesting a copy. If you wish to receive the minutes, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Congregation office, PO Box 5640, San Francisco 94101. Sha'ar Zahav members are encouraged to attend Va'ad meetings.

## AARON COOPER, Ph.D.

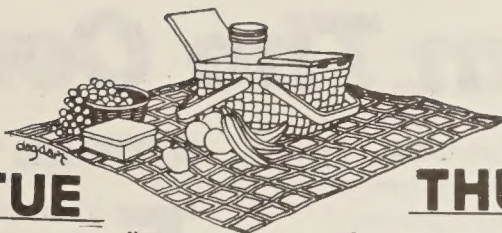
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5	6	7	Newsletter Potluck & Meeting 621-6764	9	Outreach Services in Sacramento (916) 673-7215
12	13	Bikur Cholim 621-2871	Newsletter Advertising Deadline	16	Rosh Hashanah Services at Unitarian Conference Center 7:30
Women's Havurah 621-2871	20	21	22	23	Shabbat Dinner 621-2871
Kol Nidrei at Unitarian Conference Center 7:30	Services at UCC 10 a.m.  Yizkor/Ne'ilah Services at UCC 5:45 p.m.	28	29	30	25

## Ritual Calendar

Friday, Sept. 3	<b>Torah:</b> Ki-Tavo. Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8 <b>Haftorah:</b> Isaiah 60:1-22 Ritual Committee and Friends, services
Friday, Sept. 10	<b>Torah:</b> Nitzavim-Va-Yelekh: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30 <b>Haftorah:</b> Isaiah 61:10-63:9 Ritual Committee and Friends, services
Friday, Sept. 17	<b>Torah:</b> Genesis. 21:1-34, Numbers. 29:1-6 <b>Haftorah:</b> Samuel 1:2-10 Rosh Hashanah
Friday, Sept. 25	<b>Torah:</b> Ha'azinu. Deuteronomy 32:1-52 <b>Haftorah:</b> Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-17. Daniel Chesir, services

Everyone is welcome to join us for Shabbat services Fridays at 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street (at Presidio), San Francisco.

## Outreach Service

Services are held in Sacramento on the second Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the chapel of B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Drive. Members and friends in the Sacramento area are encouraged to attend the September 10 service, and to become involved in other Sha'ar Zahav activities as well. For further information, contact Stephen Klein at (916) 673-7215.

## August Oneg Sponsors

The following people have sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in August:

- August 6: Ron Lezell, in honor of John Golebowski's birthday.
- August 13: Alan Schrager, in honor of his father's 80th birthday.
- August 20: Chuck Norton, Don, and Chris Knepper in honor of the Rabbi.
- August 27: Kurt Stutzman



# News From The Committees

## Rosh Hashonah Visits To the Elderly

**O**N SUNDAY, September 19, the Bikur Cholim will conduct its annual Rosh Hashonah visits to elderly Jews living in health care facilities in San Francisco. This will mark just one of the traditional visits made to these residents during Jewish festival periods.

We need as many people as possible who are interested in spreading some joy to these people who are all too often forgotten and who tend to lose their ties to their Jewish heritage. Please consider joining us for this *mitzvot*.

The Bikur Cholim is also involved in other projects to further the social well-being of our members and the community at large. We have just published the first of a series of informational booklets. This one concerns Death and Dying.

The Bikur Cholim strives to be informed about any member's illness. We visit ill members at home or in the hospital, run errands for them and tend to plants and pets. But we aren't always aware of these needs. If either you or someone you know requires our aid, we urge you to inform us.

Though we usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., this month we will be meeting on the 14th. For the location of the September meeting, please call the Synagogue office, 621-2871, or Betty Kalis, 821-6870. Members are always needed to further the scope and effectiveness of our work. If you would like to be on the committee or take part in any of our upcoming visits, call us or attend our meeting. A *mitzvot* this truly would be. ■

## Moving Service on Russian Jewry

On Friday evening, August 13, the Social Action Committee led services in a moving and powerful Shabbat Service of Solidarity with Soviet Jews. The service included reading the haftorah from Isaiah in concert with a slide presentation of Soviet "refuseniks," guitar music, poetry and singing. After services a documentary on the Soviet "refusenik" Ida Nudel, filmed while she was in exile in Siberia, was shown. A discussion followed, led by David Waxberg, executive director of the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry.

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## Onegs Are Enjoyable, But...

**E**VERYONE looks forward to the Oneg following services each Friday evening, but have you ever considered how all that delicious refreshment gets put on that table?

Announcements have been made frequently at services requesting sponsors for the Onegs. Members may wish to sponsor an Oneg to honor or remember a friend, a loved one or even to celebrate an achievement of their own. But there are other ways to support Sha'ar Zahav's Onegs. And that way is to help in the preparation and cleanup on Friday evenings.

Sponsoring an Oneg is \$50, but if the sponsor is willing to help the committee with obtaining food, preparation and cleanup, the cost drops to \$40, an especially low price, considering that there are between 100 and 150 people on any given Shabbat. And the cost is even lower—half-price, in fact—if you prepare or purchase goodies and help us that evening.

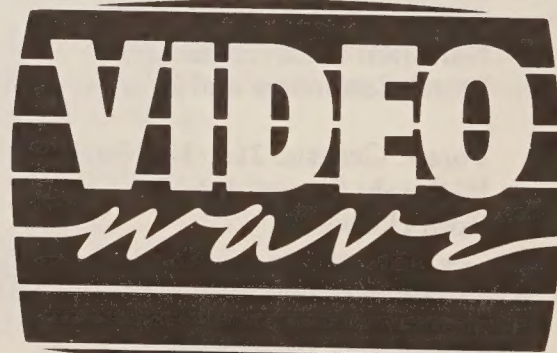
Of course, you don't have to sponsor an Oneg to help on Friday evenings. We need your assistance in order to maintain the quality of the Oneg week after week. If each member of Sha'ar Zahav offered to sponsor and help just *once* each year, we will be able to continue enjoying the food and socializing that makes Shabbat extra special for us.

—Oneg Committee

## Newsletter Potluck September 8

The September *Forward* potluck supper and business meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8 at the home of Larry Chandler, 375 Roosevelt Way, near Masonic Avenue, 621-6764. Committee members please note that this is a change from the location announced at the August meeting.

If you would like to help put out the *Forward* each month, this would be a good time to meet and volunteer your skills. We are in need of a graphic artist, someone to write articles relating to the various holidays and a proofreader.



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# And Deborah Makes Ten

Reprinted from Moment magazine.

**E**VERY YEAR when the day of my father's yahrzeit arrives I am faced with the same dilemma. The minyan where I daven on Shabbat does not meet during the week. The local Orthodox synagogue has numerous daily minyanim to accommodate all schedules. However, it makes no provisions for women in its chapel. When I do go there, the men who occupy the back benches are asked to move up front so that a mechitzah can be set up between the men and the women—in this case me—and I can take my place. The process generally elicits grumbles and glares. Neither I nor they are particularly pleased with the arrangement.

This year I decided to go to the storefront shul around the corner from where I live. It consists of a group of old men who attend services in a devoted fashion. It is a non-denominational mutation of Orthodox and Conservative Judaism: a traditional service; mixed seating; women are not counted in the minyan or given aliyot. Though the sign in front of the shul proclaims, "Bar/Bas Mitzvah," once a woman reaches adulthood she does not count.

On the night of 3 Nisan I took my place among the eleven men gathered there for ma'ariv. The rabbi, an elderly gentleman with a thick European accent, invited me to sit near him so that he could show me the place and procedure. Within a few moments he realized that I was quite familiar with the prayerbook and the service. At the conclusion of ma'ariv I asked when shachrit, the morning prayers, would be said. One gentleman promptly answered, "At 8 a.m." Another quickly corrected him, "No, at 7:45." The first man responded, "She can come at 8."

Promptly at 7:45 the next morning I entered the shul, took a siddur from the shelf and opened it to *Birchot HaShachar*, the morning prayers and blessings. Somewhere in the middle of *P'Sukey D'zimrah*, the gentleman who had decided that I could come at 8 a.m. rather than at 7:45 walked over to me and took away the Hebrew/English prayerbook I had in my hands. In its stead he handed me a *Tikun Mayer*, a prayerbook with neither English translations nor instructions. (The assumption of the compilers of this prayerbook is that the one who uses it needs neither translations nor instructions.) I smiled at him, realizing that by his simple act he had welcomed me into the club. When services concluded, he looked at me and simply said, "5:45."

At 5:45 that evening I arrived for minchah, the afternoon prayers. I felt quite content, for the day had gone smoothly and the often uncomfortable experiences associated with saying kaddish had not materialized. I anticipated being greeted by the strains of *Ashrei*, the Psalm that introduces the afternoon service, because the sun was already beginning to set. Instead the room was unnaturally still. The men sat chatting quietly. When I walked in, they all turned their heads towards me. The expectant looks on their faces and a quick headcount indicated that they were waiting for the ninth and tenth men. I heard the rabbi on the phone desperately trying to find them. "I understand, Mrs. Cohen. No, he can't come out if the doctor told him to stay home. At our age one must be careful. Don't worry, we'll find someone." After a few more disappointing calls the rabbi rushed into the room and announced, "Schwartz is coming." Schwartz would be number nine. We all watched the front door hoping that it would open and number ten would materialize. I berated myself for not having gone to the Orthodox synagogue where I would have been guaranteed a minyan, even if I would have had to endure some discomfort.

As they waited for Schwartz to arrive, the president of the shul, whose father's yahrzeit began that evening, announced to no one in particular, "In some shuls they now count women." A number of the men nodded silently. The sun was, in the meantime, disappearing and the time for minchah rapidly passing. Finally the door opened and in walked Schwartz. The rabbi glanced at the president and said, "Well, if we are going to say minchah we better start right now." I counted heads to make sure I was right. There was a minyan: nine men—and me.

Minchah ended. I glanced at the clock, knowing that a friend was waiting to take me out to dinner to celebrate my birthday. (Even as we remember our loss and our pain we go on living and celebrating. And where is it written that you can't laugh and cry on the same day?) Reservations had been made for 6:30 and I had solemnly promised that *this* time, unlike previous dinner dates, I would not be late.

I knew that I could leave right after the minchah, for with that service, the yahrzeit ended. As ma'ariv began I was about to depart when suddenly I realized that I couldn't leave. I had to stay.

When I finally arrived at the restaurant I breathlessly explained to my somewhat perturbed friend, "I'm sorry I'm late, but I couldn't leave. I had to stay for ma'ariv." At that moment I felt this wonderful wash of warmth and fulfillment fill my body and I smiled a very big smile. "You see," I told my friend, "they *needed* me for the minyan."

—Deborah Lipstadt

Deborah Lipstadt teaches modern Jewish studies at UCLA.

## Women's Havurah

The next event for the Women's Havurah will be a dinner on Sunday, September 19 at *Noble Pies*—you'd think it was our favorite place!—24th and Douglas at 5 p.m.

The program will be "The Meaning of the High Holidays." The program promises to enhance your enjoyment and spiritual awareness of the services. To reserve a place at the dinner/program, fill out the coupon below and send it with \$5 to the synagogue office (to the attention of the Women's Havurah) no later than September 10.

In addition, the Women's Havurah is planning a retreat for women in the very near future. Right now, a search is on for the right place, with the Russian River or Clearlake among the possibilities.

—Shalom, Shelley Spiro

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5	Cathy Nelson	21	Jeff Mendelsohn
5	Wendy F.	21	John Petry
6	Richard Marks	21	Laurie Radovsky
7	Al Baum	24	Mark Leno
7	Harold L.	27	Ralph Vissell
9	Bruce Goff	28	Dan Serbins
10	Alex Glickman	29	Jay Johnson

## Yahrzeits

- 4 Abraham Parker, father of Harold Parker
- 5 Lillian Schrager, mother of Alan Schrager
- 5 (17 Elul) Charles William Nelson, father of Cathy Nelson
- 10 Ronald Lane, nephew of Hy Rifkin
- 12 (24 Elul) Yetta Skolnik, grandmother of Hal Heller
- 16 (28 Elul) Frances Cohen, sister of Bernard Pechter
- 17 (29 Elul) Maury Shapiro, uncle of Linda M.
- 21 Joseph Petry, brother of John J. Petry
- 23 Mary Moss, mother of David Moss
- 27 (10 Tishrei) Morris L., father of Harold L.
- 28 (11 Tishrei) Jacob Leiss, father of Walt Leiss
- 30 Rachel Cohen, grandmother of David Glassberg

## Condolences

*David Ring*, on the death of his grandfather, Louis Stone, July 8.

*Betty Kalis*, on the death of her aunt, Clara Magoon, July 15.

*Michael Abbott*, on the death of his father, Bertrand Abbott, August 18.

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